



## PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST RESPONSE

REQUEST INFORMATION	PRRT # 17016	DATE OF REQUEST 6/27/2019	DATE REQUEST RECEIVED 7/01/2019
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REQUESTER'S NAME: MuckRock news

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CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE:

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REQUEST FORMAT - Request Was: (Check One)

☒ WRITTEN ☐ VERBAL

☐ The following record(s) were requested.

Description: List the record(s) here

### RESPONSE:

This is a ☒ Partial ☐ Complete response to your Public Records Request County location of records:

### SECTION 1: EXISTENCE OF RECORD

☐ The entire record(s) requested does not exist.

☒ A portion of the record(s) requested does not exist:

The Reentry Office does not have any statistical reports regarding inmates housing upon release or prior to release. The only connection we have to housing is the OARS program for the severely mentally ill which a brochure is attached. The program is delivered by DHS under contract with DOC.

### SECTION 2: RIGHT OF ACCESS

#### ☐ NOT A RECORD

☐ The entire record(s) requested, do(es) not meet the statutory definition of "Record" per Wis. Stat § 19.32(2), and is/are therefore exempt from disclosure.

☐ A portion of the record(s) requested, do(es) not meet the statutory definition of "Record" per Wis. Stat § 19.32(2), and is/are therefore exempt from disclosure.

Description: List the record(s) here

#### ☐ NOT A REQUESTER

☐ The requester does not meet the statutory definition of "Requester" per Wis. Stat § 19.32(3), therefore the entire record(s) requested is/are exempt from disclosure.

☐ The requester does not meet the statutory definition of "Requester" per Wis. Stat § 19.32(3), for a portion of the record(s) requested, therefore that portion of the record(s) requested is/are exempt from disclosure.

Description: List the exempt record(s) here

### SECTION 3: ACCESS TO RECORD

☐ Entire request granted.

List redaction(s) if any, with legal justification

☒ Portion of request granted.

OARS Brochure.

#### SECTION 4: PROHIBITED FROM ACCESS

☐ **INSUFFICIENTLY LIMITED REQUEST:** Your request is not reasonably limited as to subject matter or length of time. Therefore, the request does not compel access under Wisconsin's Public Records Law.

☐ Entire:  
Legal justification

☐ Portion:  
Description: List the record(s) here with legal justification

☐ **BURDENSOME REQUEST:** Your request is not reasonably limited as to subject matter or length of time. Therefore, the request does not compel access under Wisconsin's Public Records Law.

☐ Entire:  
Legal justification

☐ Portion:  
Description: List the record(s) here with legal justification

☐ **DENIED ACCESS**

☐ Entire:  
Legal justification

☐ Portion:  
Description: List the denied record(s) here with legal justification

#### SECTION 5: FEES

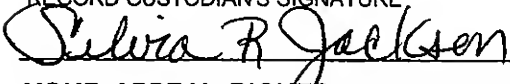
☐ **FEES REQUIRED** – Attach completed DOC-1160F      ☒ **NO FEES**      ☐ **PRE PAYMENT RECEIVED**

#### SECTION 6: ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

PRINT OR TYPE RECORD CUSTODIAN'S NAME  
Silvia R. Jackson, DOC Reentry Director

OFFICE / FACILITY REPRESENTED  
DOC reentry Unit, Office of the Secretary

RECORD CUSTODIAN'S SIGNATURE



DATE SIGNED  
7/01/2019

**YOUR APPEAL RIGHTS:** If your request was made in writing and all or a portion of the request was denied, you may appeal the denial by writing to the **Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Corrections, P.O. Box 7925, Madison, WI 53707-7925** or by sending an email to **[DOCPublicRecordsappeal@Wisconsin.gov](mailto:DOCPublicRecordsappeal@Wisconsin.gov)** within 30 days of the date of the denial. Please include a copy of your original request as well as a copy of this form. If the Office of Legal Counsel upholds the denial decision, you can further appeal by petitioning the Wisconsin Circuit Court for a writ of mandamus ordering release of the record(s), or you may apply to the Attorney General or the District Attorney of the county where the records are held.

## OARS Program Completion

OARS program participants may be enrolled for up to two years after release from the institution. The successful program completion criteria include:

- Participant is maintaining stable housing independently.
- Participant is living without reliance on alcohol or illegal drugs.
- Participant is actively engaged in his/her treatment and has transitioned to locally based services in his/her county of residence.
- Participant is financially able to maintain their treatment, housing and basic needs without assistance from OARS.
- Participant is making healthy decisions regarding recovery and mental health stability.

### Department of Corrections Disabilities Reentry Coordinator

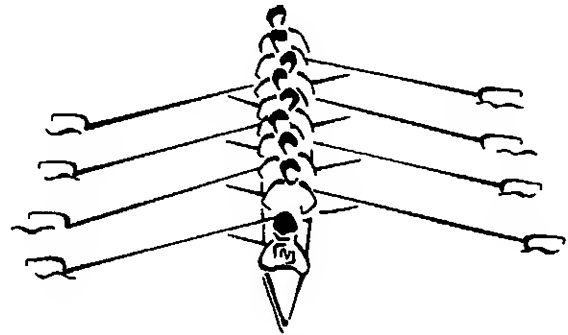
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Division of Care and Treatment Services  
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# OARS

## Opening Avenues to Reentry Success

*A program offered by the*

Wisconsin Department of Corrections

*in partnership with the*

Wisconsin Department of Health Services

### Program Vision

To enhance public safety by supporting the successful transition, recovery, and self-sufficiency of offenders with mental health needs as they reintegrate into the community.



**WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT  
of HEALTH SERVICES**

## OARS Program Goals

- Enhance public safety by reducing recidivism and revocation rates
- Improve continuity of care of offenders with mental health needs as they release from prison to the community
- Encourage offender involvement in meaningful, healthy structured activities
- Promote offender self-sufficiency
- Decrease long term costs associated with this population

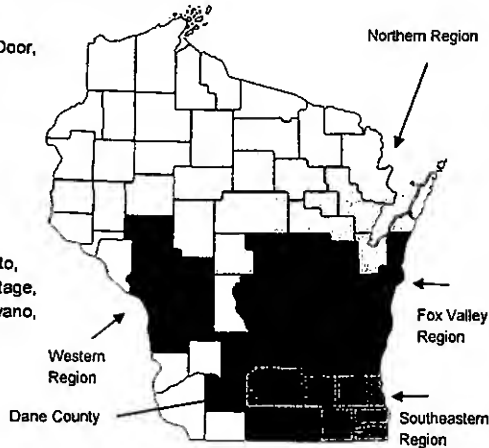
## Who the Program Serves

A limited number of offenders releasing from DOC adult institutions as well as the Wisconsin Resource Center and Wisconsin Women's Resource Center who meet all of the following:

- Have a minimum of six months of supervision upon release
- Have serious and persistent mental health needs
- Rate moderate to high risk of reoffending according to the DOC assessment
- Demonstrate a general motivation and willingness to engage in treatment programming
- Agree to participate in the OARS program
- Releasing to a county within the OARS regions

## OARS Counties and Regions

Adams, Brown, Calumet, Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Door, Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, Green, Green Lake, Iowa, Jackson, Jefferson, Kenosha, Kewaunee, La Crosse, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Marinette, Manitowoc, Marquette, Menominee, Milwaukee, Monroe, Oconto, Outagamie, Ozaukee, Portage, Racine, Rock, Sauk, Shawano, Sheboygan, Trempealeau, Vernon, Walworth, Washington, Waukesha, Waupaca, Waushara, Winnebago, and Wood



## Program Team Members

The team works together to develop comprehensive Individualized Service Plans (ISP) before and after release from prison to help the offenders successfully reintegrate into the community. OARS team members include:

- OARS participant (Offender)
- Institution social worker
- Community corrections agent
- OARS case manager
- DHS program specialist
- Natural supports
- Treatment providers in the community

## Services Provided

- Assistance with obtaining and maintaining safe and affordable housing
- Resources for medication and access to quality psychiatric care
- Access to healthy and meaningful structured activities, including educational programs, volunteer opportunities, and employment
- Treatment options to address individualized needs
- Social support and acceptance
- Access to local transportation, budgeting, and financial resources

## Participant Responsibilities

- Follow all rules of supervision
- Work with OARS team to identify treatment and educational opportunities available before and after release from the institution
- Cooperate with treatment, including taking all medications as prescribed, before and after release from the institution
- Participate in the development and review of the Individualized Service Plan
- Meet with the assigned OARS case manager and community corrections agent
- Sign releases of information and consents for housing and treatment services
- Be responsible and respectful with regards to any housing that is provided
- Communicate with an OARS team member regarding any concerns about the program expectations